

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 6, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Tythan Miles
Janice Rich
Adam Thomsen
James Thompson
Lori Lawrence
Steve Roberts
Gerald Domitrovic
Janet Wilson

Guests

JoAnn Hartig, 1756 S. Main
Beverly Domitrovic, 1219 GW Drive

City of Wichita Staff Present

Cathy Holdeman, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Carpenter, Director of Finance
Bryan Chavez, Wichita Fire Department
Officer Weber, Beat 44, Wichita Police Department
Officer Recio, Beat 23, Wichita Police Department
LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

CM Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Approval of Agenda

Roberts (Thompson) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried **8:0**

Approval of Minutes

Lawrence made an amendment to the minutes page 13 to change the update to Uptown is setting up a moving schedule and not moving.

Rich noted on page 3 that the location should be Water Walk not Waterfront.

Roberts noted that we was not in attendance at the March meeting and should be removed from the list of Board members present.

Roberts (Lawrence) made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. Motion carried **8:0**

Public Agenda

1. Agenda Items

No items submitted.

2. Off Agenda Items

No items submitted.

New Business

3. 2009 Proposed Reduction Budget Options

Kelly Carpenter, Director of Finance presented information on the 2009 proposed budget reductions. **Carpenter** noted that this presentation would be given to City Council during workshop on Tuesday and they wanted to get feedback from the District Advisory Boards to share with Council as they worked through this challenging period.

Carpenter noted that last October/November talks began about the recession hitting the Wichita area. In December 2008 she noted the City began a hiring freeze. This freeze required positions to be held open until vacation was paid out plus an additional 30 days before the position could be filled. She noted that some departments opted to hold the positions open longer if they found they could manage without.

Carpenter noted that when the new City Manager came on board and started to understand the challenges we faced he began to have executive meetings every Wednesday to discuss the budget and next steps. She noted that during this process we have received input from all departments, developed guiding principles, sought assistance from WSU, and formed a Budget Steering Committee. The guiding principles were established to help make decisions. The guiding principles were developed to provide necessary direction for reducing expenditures and are intended to encourage transparent discussion of budget options, based on common guidelines.

The 10 Guiding Principles are:

1. Protect on-street response levels for public safety/
2. Maintain services for those residents in the greatest economic need.
3. Empower citizens to positively impact their neighborhoods through partnerships.
4. Protect the City's investment in its infrastructure.
5. Strategically use technology to improve operations while introducing cost and process efficiencies.
6. Maintain the City's investment in a skilled workforce.
7. Invest strategically in economic development.
8. Protect partnerships that leverage outside funding for service delivery.
9. Continue to recognize the value of the cultural arts and work to strengthen private sector partnerships.
10. Actively pursue organizational restructuring and process improvement while maintaining an effective administrative and managerial network.

Carpenter noted that staff has developed a package of recommendations to balance the 2009 budget. She noted that the impact the recession is having on the City's budget is a reduction in expenditures of \$6.5 million. Some of the specifics that Carpenter shared included:

2009 Revised General Fund Budget

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 2009 Adopted Budget | \$208 |
| Anticipated State Reductions | (1.7) |
| Economically sensitive | (3.1) |
| Other adjustments | <u>(1.7)</u> |
| 2009 Revised Budget | \$201.5 |

Expenditure Reduction Totals

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Street Maintenance | \$1 million |
| Health Insurance Rates | \$1.2 million |
| Health Insurance Rate Holiday | \$1.35 million |
| 2008 Merit Payment | \$41 thousand |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Salary and Wage Containment | \$.5 million |
| Fuel Price Assumption | 4.9 million |
| Department submitted | <u>\$1.6 million</u> |
| | \$6.6 million |

Carpenter advised that in the area of street maintenance the proposal would decrease supplemental funding to 41.5 million. Additionally, health insurance proposal would reduce reserve by one-time reduction I premiums to employees and the City (\$1.3 million benefit to the City general fund).

Carpenter noted that nearly 500 employees did not receive merit pay based on performance in 2008; the proposal provides one-time payments, in lieu of increasing base salaries. She noted that one time payments will reduce future year costs and have lower fringe benefit costs.

She also noted that the following expenditure proposals will be recommended to Council at workshop:

2009 Expenditure Proposals

Department submitted:

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Expenditure efficiencies | 275,803 |
| Holding targeted positions | 633,614 |
| Direct service adjustments | 249,712 |
| Funding source shift | 200,000 |
| Equipment deferrals | 191,500 |
| Training | <u>99,180</u> |
| Total | \$1,649,809 |

2009 Expenditure Proposals

Holding targeted positions:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Cowtown (seasonal) | 60,000 |
| Delay 4 th Battalion (Fire) | 64,240 |
| Library staffing | 13,132 |
| Hold 2 Police LT positions | 148,960 |
| Two Park positions | 110,000 |
| Schedule recruit class in September | 83,248 |
| Others | <u>154,034</u> |
| Total | \$633,614 |

Thomsen wanted are there reductions in any specific order. **Carpenter** advised that the positions that are being held are those that are currently unfilled. She noted that when positions are vacated before a department can hire, all vacation time must be paid out plus an additional 4 weeks before they can open the position.

Wilson wanted to know what Carpenter meant about programmatic change. **Carpenter** advised that examples of that would do we need SRO's? Do we need the helicopter? Are we partnering with the appropriate agencies to provide needed services? She noted that these were all examples as to how they would look at services. **Wilson** also wanted to know how the City obtained fuel? **Carpenter** advised that the City get's prices everyday, as they have been advised not to go into a contract at this time.

Domotrovic wanted to know if this was a city-wide reduction of 2%. **Carpenter** advised that yes and that are still reviewing but knows that they will need to make an adjustment for the 2010 budget as well by 8-10 million dollars.

Holdeman noted that the City will have to really evaluate the services we provided to make sure that we can get the biggest bang for our buck.

Rich advised that we should not cut services from the Library and/or swimming pools as the youth needed something to do. **Carpenter** advised that no service cuts were written in stone that they will look at all options and determine what is going to be the least detrimental to the community and present those options to Council.

JoAnn Hartig, 1756 S. Main wanted to know if statistics were available to support the proposals to reduce and/or eliminate services being recommending to Council. **Holdeman** advised that information would be available when presented to Council in workshop , department heads were still gathering all of the information.

Maxine Bostic, 4601 Vesta Drive wanted to know if the City would receive any stimulus dollars. **Carpenter** advised that the only thing in the general budget that stimulus dollars could replace would be street maintenance.

With no further questions, **Carpenter** noted that they would begin looking and planning for the 2010 budget early so that they identify areas that would be cut.

Wilson asked in the cuts that occurred in 2009 would be the same for 2010. **Carpenter** responded not necessarily. **Holdeman** added that she believes will still be very slow on filling positions and maintenance. She noted that there are several unknowns and so we are working with the idea that we will need to reduce the budget by 8-10 million dollars.

The **Board** thanked **Carpenter and Holdeman** for their presentation.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

4. Police Report

Officer Weber, Beat 44 advised that a prostitution sting was conducted at the Sunflower Apartments and 4 Johns and 6 females were arrested. He advised that a bank robbery had occurred at Commerce Bank at 21st and Grove and a female suspect had been arrested.

Weber also provided an update on the 47 Beat on behalf of Officer Kimble. He noted the following incidents:

- Burglaries down, suspect has been identified
- Grove Apartments gang activity down, however, college students partying still a concern
- 2545 N. Piatt – three arrest made seized guns and narcotics. Since this incident activity has decreased at residence.
- Still having parking issues at Mueller Elementary.

Thomsen wanted to know if future stings were planned for Chisholm Park. **Weber** advised yes he believe so.

Officer Recio, Beat 23 advised that that on March 25th a prostitution sting was conducted and 8-9 females were arrested. He also advised that in the 800 block of Market there was a gang related homicide and in the 7900 block of Topeka there was a drug related homicide and suspects have been arrested for both incidents.

Recio also reported on the 21 beat in the absence of Officer Carlson. He noted that Officer Carlson is still working on getting cameras in Old Town.

Hartig wanted to know how she should submit parking issues to the City. **Recio** advised that she could contact the substation. **Hartig** that she did and they told her to contact the CP Officer. **Recio** responded that if she is calling the substations they should assist her. **Council Member Williams** noted that if she is not able to get a response to contact the Neighborhood Assistant.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

5. Fire Report

Bryan Chavez, Wichita Fire Department presented information on the new Citizen Academy that will begin May 7th. He noted that residents could get an application by going to the City's website.

He also reminded everyone to check their batteries and test their smoke detectors.

Chavez provided the Board with copies of the District 1 Fire Incident Overview Report that included the following information:

| | Incidents | Resources |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| All Fire | 32 | 189 |
| Structure Fires | 13 | 118 |
| EMS and Rescue Alarms | 493 | 634 |
| Service Alarms | 144 | 333 |
| Totals | 669 | 1,156 |

Lawrence noted that a house was completely gutted at 2703 E. 1st she wanted to know what occurred. **Chavez** noted that there was a fire at the property on Saturday but no one was hurt.

Wilson asked if the Board could get some historical information with comparisons from 2008 – 2009 on a month to month basis, identifying any noticeable trends.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

Update

6. Updates, Issues and Reports

Wilson advised that A Price Woodard would have their next meeting on April 15th.

Domotrovic advised that job opportunities are available with the reserves.

Roberts advised that the Library Board is already looking at the 2010 budget.

Lawrence advised that the Access Advisory Board met and they will ensure that the enhancements to the airport will be handicap accessible.

Rich advised that Hyde Neighborhood Association will be meeting on April 18th at the Spice Merchant.

Thomsen advised that the car wash is completed and is looking nice.

Council Member Williams advised that Treatha is doing better and plans to get our more in May.

With no further business, **Roberts (Wilson)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried **8-0**. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant